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FROM: Budapest

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 294, May 2, 6 p.m.

Control 1011  
Recd. May 3, 1960  
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For some months travel conditions in Hungary (REF: 198, May 1) have been easier than reported Legation A-711, September 22, 1959 and there are no rumors or other indication suggesting probable imposition any restrictions in near future.

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FROM: WARSAW

TO: Secretary of State

No. 821, May 3, 4 p.m.

SENT DEPARTMENT 621, REPEATED MOSCOW 52, BUCHAREST 2, BUDAPEST 3,  
PRAGA 15, LONDON 29, DEPARTMENT PRESS MOSCOW.

To date no travel control measures applicable to Embassy staff have been issued by Polish Government other than those issued in February last applicable to Service Attaches and officers attached to them (Embassy's despatch 240, February 14). Up to now, American civilian members of staff are free to travel without prior notice to Polish authorities. We are, of course, at times followed and kept under surveillance and when approaching restricted areas warned not to enter but no notice of what areas are restricted has however ever been given Embassy by Polish Government. As no restrictions now applicable to civilian members of staff other than entry at restricted areas, I would not want to see less favorable treatment accorded to civilian members of Polish agencies in States.

Feel contemplated move against Soviet and Rumanian Missions with press release explaining this of reciprocal nature may well have salutary deterrent effect on Polish authorities (Department's 203, May 1).

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TO: Secretary of State  
FROM: Bucharest  
NO: 530, May 3, 10 a.m.

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SENT DEPARTMENT 530, REPEATED BUDAPEST 24, PRAGA 4, WARSAW 4,  
LONDON 5, DEPARTMENT PASS MOSCOW 25.

I endorse instituting suggested system travel restrictions if applied  
to both Soviet and Russian officials in US (RTTEL 145, Mar 1, 6 p.m.).

Area of free movement in Rumania as theoretically defined by restrictions  
instituted April 1949 (LRTTEL 383, April 29, 1949 and despatch 187  
May 7, 1949) and supplemented July 1949 (RTTEL 342, July 22, 1949) is even  
smaller in practice since permits are required to visit supposedly free  
mountain resorts of Bistrita and Predoia and Black Sea resort of Eforia  
and foreign officials may in fact move freely only within city of Bucharest  
and immediate environs, including Lake Walhin to Snagov.

In circumstances free area for Rumanian officials in Washington might  
advantageously be restricted to DC and immediate environs with access to  
limited nearby resort area. Access of those assigned elsewhere could be  
correspondingly limited to surrounding areas.

To go to resort areas theoretically open to US (except Snagov) it is  
necessary to make request of Foreign Office at least 24 hours ahead  
of time and usually longer and issue is uncertain. Need for such permits  
in itself inhibits travel as one must plan in advance and can never  
be sure. Nor can one travel on spur of moment.

Since Legation personnel is not allowed to go to Constanta, Rumania's  
principal seaport, except to enter or leave country, similarly severe  
restrictions might legitimately be applied to Rumanian officials in  
Washington. No special treatment in matter of travel permits need be

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accorded Russian chief of mission, for (unlike situation that, for example, prevailed in Bulgaria) no distinction is made between chiefs of mission and their staffs here.

I suggest that in administering system there need be no concern on Department's part about undue promptness, consistency or efficiency, since dilatory and capricious manner in which Rumanians administer their restrictions aggravates their basic severity. For description of earlier difficulties here I refer to Legation's despatches 331, August 26, 1949 and 410, October 20, 1949. Situation is more rigid now.

I suggest system should be set up in such way application can be flexible and effective "reciprocity" can be assured. With periodic review depending on changes (if any) in manner in which restrictions against us are applied.

While these restrictions relate to travel within country, Department might consider extending them to include something similar to practices here under which we must obtain exit permits to leave country, approval of inventory of effects, special permits to cross restricted territory, and recording in passports of currency being taken out. These formalities are applied here with such chicanery and loss of time that departure becomes a severe strain especially since necessary documents are usually forthcoming only at last moment, however well in advance one begins preparations.

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Control: 2513  
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5:35 p.m.

FROM: Praha

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 651, May 5, 9 p.m.

SENT DEPARTMENT 651, REPEATED MOSCOW 38, BUCHAREST 4, WARSAW  
14, BUDAPEST 13, LONDON TOSCO 71; DEPARTMENT PARS MOSCOW.

Strongly support application travel control measures Soviet Russian  
officials US. As travel in Czechoslovakia relatively unrestricted to  
date do not recommend application to Czech officials US. Should  
Czechoslovakia restrict travel US officials (not improbable) Embassy  
hopes Department will be prepared to take reciprocal action at once.

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